

# I-90, Ryegrass Summit to Vantage

This project will construct a new westbound 10-mile truck-climbing lane.

I-90 is the main route connecting eastern and western Washington over the Cascade Mountains. It carries a high volume of traffic including many large trucks transporting freight and goods.

The westbound lanes coming up from the Columbia River at Vantage climb uphill at a steep grade (4%), for over 10 miles. This extended climb causes slow-moving trucks and recreational vehicles to clog both lanes, creating a safety hazard and impeding other motorists.

## The end result

The additional lane will increase safety by eliminating delays and minimizing hazards from slow moving vehicles.

## What have we done so far?

The design and environmental documents of this project are completed. WSDOT is completing the environmental permitting process to meet the scheduled bid advertisement date of May 2002.

## This project is ready for construction!

With funding, the project will go to bid in May of 2002.



## Vehicles attempting to pass on Ryegrass Summit



## Freight trucks ascending Ryegrass Summit



## Project Facts

- Total project cost is \$11.4 million.
- The project is ready to build. However the construction is not funded.
- Project will add a truck-climbing lane from the Columbia River to Ryegrass Summit.
- The project will minimize traffic slow downs and increase safety.
- This project contributes to the overall strengthening of the statewide I-90 corridor.

## Government-to-government tribal consultation process

This process is not applicable because the project does not impact tribal lands.

## What is being done to protect the environment?

To minimize project impacts, WSDOT will construct bio-filtration swales to treat storm-water runoff. Stream bank restoration along Ryegrass Coulee Creek will mitigate minor encroachment of a wetland within the project limits.

## Project Financial Information

The current overall project cost estimate is \$11.4 million. No funds for construction work here were included by the legislature in the 01-03 fiscal year Transportation budget. WSDOT is requesting \$10.5 million in the 2002 supplemental budget so that construction can begin in 2002. If funding is not forthcoming in the Supplemental Budget, the expected completion date of June 2003 will be delayed and construction cost estimates adjusted accordingly.

## Expenditure Plan

	Prior Expenditures	Remaining Costs	Total
State and Federal Funds	\$888,000	\$12,000	\$900,000
Funded subtotal	\$888,000	\$12,000	\$900,000
Unfunded amount		\$10,527,000	\$10,527,000
Total Cost	\$888,000	\$10,539,000	\$11,427,000

Financial data is current as of 9/1/01.

## How can I get more information?

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